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## Homecoming Reflections

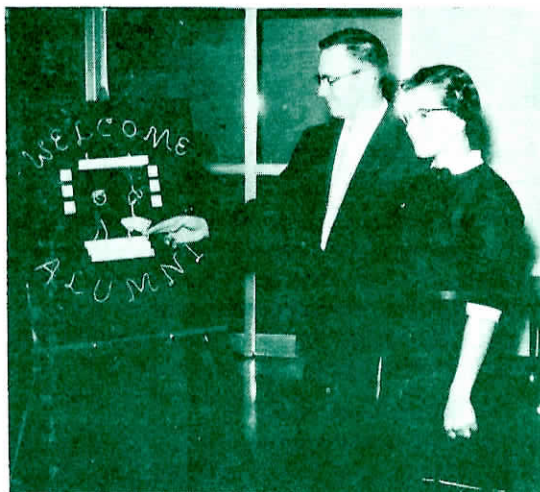
From that first glimpse of a student "Welcome" sign through all the events of the homecoming week end to the farewell reminder on the back of the banner erected by the seniors, "See Rock City," returning Bryanites found pleasant reminders of yesteryears and prospects of significant advances for "Alma Mater."

Those who arrived on Friday evening attended the music recital with the students and then were directed to the home of President and Mrs. Mercer for informal fellowship over a cup of spiced tea and brownies.

Saturday morning found alumni climbing the hill to Johnson's Bluff with hearty appetites for the delicious homemade sweet rolls and scrambled eggs and bacon cooked over the open fire. Clyde Simmons brought the devotional message from Psa.23.

Back again on the campus it was time to assemble for the business session which resulted in some stimulating discussions and conclusions that should mean progress for the alumni association. President McIntosh's letter summarizes the important decisions.

As guests of Joyce (Cooper) and Albert Leven-good, seven '52ers with their families celebrated their fifth anniversary during the Saturday lunch hour. Ruth (Kuhn) Simmons was the sole representative of the 1957 grads for ten-year honors, whereas special recognition goes to Juanita Pendergrass who attended the Saturday evening dinner to recall her graduation of twenty years ago.



Allen and Shirley Jewett view one of the four attractive "Welcome" posters displayed in the entrance lobby by the students.

Age did not seem to hamper alumni performance on the football field at half time in the afternoon homecoming game with Tennessee Temple. The "oldsters" showed up the "youngsters" of Bryan by beating them to a touchdown during their intermission game. And, then the Bryan lions roared to victory against their Temple opponents--thanks to alumni cheers!

To enable Bryanites to keep abreast of developments in the life of the school, Dr. Mercer was invited to give a brief report Saturday evening. He included snatches from the recent Board of Trustees meeting and presented Dr. Nixon to tell of efforts being made in the direction of securing teacher certification. Most of the faculty members joined the alumni in the student lounge for introductions and sharing recollections of days past. Another cup of tea or coffee served by Miss Rader and Mrs. Nixon brought the day's ceremonies to a close. Of course,







# news notes

Georgie (Ledbetter '56) and Joe ('56) Aschenbach have recently moved to Philadelphia where Joe is in his second semester at Faith Seminary. Their daughter Marcia at 8 mos. is walking "around holding to the furniture now and crawls all over the place." Other Bryanites at Faith are Tom Taylor ('54), who is a new member of the faculty this year, and Dick Ruble ('57), who is a beginning student.

Jackie (Howell '50) and Don ('50) Oakley and two-year-old daughter, Heather Lynn, moved in July to London, Ontario. Don has accepted the position as Dean of Students at the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary.

William E. Porter ('56) is in the Engr. Co. of the Army in Germany. He was drafted last Nov. 8, and in Jan. was sent to the Presidio, in San Francisco, to do mathematical work for the government. He got his A.B. in math at Grace College, after his three years at Bryan... He will be in the field now in Germany for 9 months.

Alice (Tucker '47) and Robert ('44) St. John report from their new location at Minerva, Ohio, that the church work is growing with an increase from 13 to 25 members. The church had a booth at the Carrollton County Fair in September and distributed 6,500 tracts. As a family sidelight, Alice is now unit manager for Tupperware.

Jean (McKee '55) and Max ('54) Dunlap write about their plans to take a long trip for Dessie Scott Children's Home beginning early in Nov. At the Pine Ridge, Ky., home, Max continues preaching, farming, and other work such as installing the pump in a new well. Jean has the routine of mending, ironing, care of clothing room and sale room, and care of two babies--their own 18-month old Silas and also Diane who is 20 months.

Milton Murphey ('44), Pomona, California

"Sorry that we can't make it for homecoming... It doesn't look as if we will be able to make it during the year either. I am planning on attending the Hebrew Union College of Hollywood and probably won't be finished until your school is out... I am enclosing a check for the alumni project with the hopes that there might be a good library for all who need to study there."

Dean Risser ('48), left, flew from Johnson City, with Lester Pifer ('46) in the Brethren Home Missions plane for a brief visit to Bryan this fall.

## THEY WANTED TO ATTEND HOMECOMING...

Joyce (Hirschy '40) and Ed ('39) de Rosset, now in Evans City, Pa., write: "Have all along kept hoping we could come for this week end. It has not proved possible. . . Perhaps we could by late Nov. or early Dec. . . pass on a word for us... we can never forget Bryan and how God dealt with us while we were there."

George M. Trout ('34), Lexington, Ky., sends regrets: "I will not be able to attend the Homecoming and the Bible Conference this time because of Revival meetings scheduled some time ago. I shall plan to attend the next one... As you know, I was president of the first student body and the first junior class."

Virginia Seguire ('54), Knoxville, Tenn., says: "I am sorry, but I won't be able to attend this fall... the ending of a series of special meetings at our church where I have a responsibility in the musical end, too... I teach a Sunday school class... I'm teaching school at Tennessee School for the Deaf as well as taking classes at U.T."

Margaret Lowe ('41), Orlando, Fla., wishes: "... I could be there for Homecoming, but it is impossible at this time of the year... I had a nice vacation--visited friends in Woodside, N. Y... slept late... sightseeing in afternoon... tried to hear Billy Graham one night, but were among the several hundred that night who were unable to get into the Garden..."

Here's a suggestion that "the nominating committee for the Alumni officers each year should endeavor to choose more of the 'older' graduates for presentation as officer candidates... more interest would be stirred among the older students..."

Note: Have you a suggestion regarding alumni activities and procedures? Why not voice it!





# Our Bryan Family Tree

Dorothy (Patten '55) Rice writes a note to tell us that two years ago she became Mrs. Horton Rice. Furthermore, last December 22 the Lord sent them a baby boy. At 9 months David weighed 23 pounds.

Ruth Ella (Williams '48) Johnson informs us that her husband has been pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church in Alto, Michigan, for a year. On August 21 they welcomed a daughter, Marcia Ruth.

Donna Bechtel ('48) became Mrs. Darwin Gamble on September 15 in Fredericktown, Ohio.

Charles Koontz ('52) sends his new address at Modesto, Calif., since he and his wife (married April 13) are serving in a small country church near Modesto.

Francis M. Brill ('50) also "took unto myself a wife," in Sept. He says, "I met Edith while I was in church construction work in Cheyenne, Wyoming." Frank has accepted the pastorate of a small independent church about 38 miles northeast of Grand Rapids.

Frances Addleman ('56) was married by her brother Howard ('53) to Johr Dunworth, Christmas eve 1955. They now have a daughter, Gail Ann, who was born June 12 in Grampian, Pa.

Faye Simpson ('58) and Kenneth Bean were married in Grandview, Tenn., Sept. 21. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

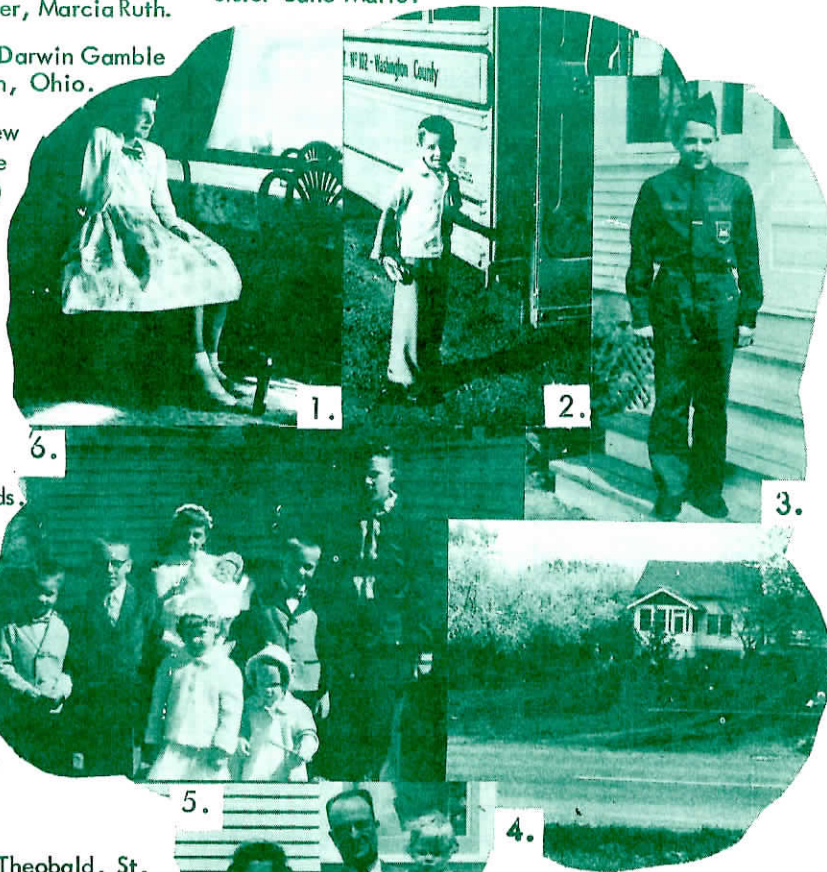
Leona (Wilson '42) and Paul ('43) Theobald, St. Paul, Minn.

"Since we made the news by having the largest family among the alumni, I had better send a couple snaps...this will give a little idea how they look. We enjoy life on these 10 acres, attend First Bible Evangelical Church at Newport, where Paul is adult teacher and S. S. superintendent. Also sings in choir and children in junior choir. They have Boys' Brigade and Pioneer Girls for four oldest...Coral and Danny are taking piano lessons and may begin clarinet. Douglas plays his clarinet at Y.P.'s. Coral sings solos and duets with other girls..."

Elizabeth Helen was welcomed at the home of Beatrice (Morgan '45) and Joseph Michalski in Cranford, N. J., July 24.

Jenny Lee came to live at the home of Ruth (Sutton '51) and Tom ('54) Taylor on August 25 in Philadelphia, Pa.

The same date, August 25, in Columbus, Ohio, Gerald Daniel was greeted by thankful parents, Nina (Myers '54) and Dan ('55) Firebaugh and sister Jane Marie.



## THEOBALD FAMILY TREE

- 1 Coral--11th birthday
- 2 Dean--off to school
- 3 Douglas in Boys' Brigade uniform
- 4 Minnesota home
- 5 Mama & Papa Theobald with two youngest
- 6 Dean, Danny, Coral, Kyla, Donald, Douglas, Karen, Colleen



## MORE LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY TREE ---

To catch up a bit on family news, Vera Kyker ('56) became Mrs. Edward McCamy on June 24 and is now residing at Greeneville, Tennessee.

August 31 was the wedding date for Lois Johnson ('55) and David Allen in Granite Falls, Wash.

Shirley Jurliss ('57) chose September 12 for her marriage to James Williams in Mansfield, Ohio, where the couple continues to reside.

Anita Myers ('56) was wed on the afternoon of August 3 to Jay Wolgemuth in Mt. Joy, Pa.

Very recent in Bryan weddings is that of Barbara Crandall ('55) to Kenneth Sewall ('54) on Nov. 9 at Wellington, Ohio.

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### ***Some FIRSTS in Missionary Work***

Ralph ('54) and Melba (Mays '55) Maynard

"Greetings from the Coral Sea. We're on board the little Dutch freighter 'Sigli,' heading north from Brisbane, Australia, toward New Guinea. What a thrill to be nearing the land of God's appointment for us!... Our trip overtook just six weeks, and we had a grand voyage. The ship, the Whakatane, was over twice the size of this one, with the very best of accommodations.

"Our three weeks in Australia were most enjoyable, for we met many fine folk who know and love the Lord... we shall be working under the Australian Council... We're the FIRST two UFMers from the states to go to Dutch New Guinea.

"While in Australia we received word that a house is being built for us at the interior station of Bokondini, about 175 miles South West from Hollandia. It is of wood, grass and thatch, with none of the "musts" of civilization, but we know that we shall be very happy there, for it is His place for us."

Bessie Degerman ('53), Ishikawa-ken, Japan

"Since we are called 'strangers and pilgrims' it is not surprising that after being in Kominato only ten months I must pack up my belongings and move again... the west coast... about September 30.

"... here in Kominato... we are expecting to have our first baptismal which is a thrill indeed.

## ... AND LITTLE BUDLETS, TOO!...

Faye Ellen is the new daughter of Catherine (Marshall '48) and Wayne Holbrook who made her appearance August 29 in Lorain, Ohio.

Philip Lee is helping keep the balance of power for Bryanites by arriving also on August 29 to greet parents Lajena (Barker '55) and Robert ('58) Harper.

Janna Lee, who arrived August 27, makes two for the girls in the home of Frank ('57) and Thelma Russell in Hailey, Idaho.

Daniel Mark completed a male trio in the family of Ruth (Dawson '40) and Arthur Neetz upon his arrival September 13 in Philippi, W. Va.

Lois (Friezwyk '56) and Jim ('55) Gould named their son Stuart Alan at his birth September 30 in Dallas, Texas.

Indeed a Bryanite is Bryan Sandford, son of Faith and Everett Boyce ('56), who was born August 4 in Chickamauga, Ga.

Just a few weeks younger is Bryan Eugene, born October 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kury ('51) and named to honor his father's alma mater. Kurys have two daughters, Janice Lynn & Cheryl Jean. Gene is studying this year at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis.

Iona (Costley '52) and Jim ('56) Harris were delighted when James, Jr. arrived on October 9.

Steven Mitchell joined the family of Dr. and Mrs. Cleland Blake (Betty Jo Mitchell '54) on October 19 at Memphis, Tenn.

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Bible Camp is in session now, too, and we are privileged to have as one of the speakers a very well-known Japanese radio pastor... Three (including Mitsukosan) for whom I've been especially praying made a stand for Christ.

"... I was very happy when I could take a Japanese Christian girl with me last Saturday to a place about thirty minutes away by bike... my being an American caused a big sensation--so it wasn't hard to get an audience for a Bible story with pictures. We passed out tracts to most of the homes... This was evidently the FIRST time for this village to be given the gospel... When will they get it again?



# Our Missionary Mail

Nell Pearson ('49), Reagan, Texas

"... I enjoyed a profitable session at Moody Bible Institute. . . The week of camp in August was most refreshing. . . It gave me a greater vision of a camp program, and the expansion of our camp work in Austria with an eventual permanent site is something that several of us have had in mind. . . I have been very pleased that a good number have contributed toward a flannelgraph lending library. . . My sailing date has been changed to November 14."

Grace (Coventry '52) and Carl ('56) Benedum, Oak Park, Michigan

"We are assigned (under Missionary Internship) to a lovely Baptist Church about 500 Sunday school size. They have the most wonderful facilities. . . the preacher. . . Mr. McBeth. . . We are living in the home of Rev. Fred Kendal."

"We had a glorious week at Gull Lake; it was orientation week but seemed more like a deeper life conference. . .

"We were surprised to have Rogers ('57) and Ethel Mae (Davis '56) Havird and John Mark at Gull Lake. . . Verena Bender ('55) was also there."

Ethel Mae and Rogers Havird, Adrian, Mich.

"We are now in Adrian, Michigan, working through the Missionary Internship program. Our pastor is Rev. Douglas Hine of the Calvary Bible Church."

Lenora (Gearhart '54) and Armond (Buddy '54) Fritz and Steven

"We will be sailing October 28 on the S. S. Elizabeth Lykes from New Orleans. Our resident visa for So. Rhodesia and our transit visa for South Africa have been granted."

Kermit ('50) and Gleneale Zopfi, Germany

"At a recent meeting of our workers Kermit was reelected chairman of the German Field Council. In addition to teaching duties at the Bible School this coming year he will also be Dean of the Faculty and Assistant Director. . .

"A small hotel, in addition to the two houses we have had this past year, has been rented for the Bible school. . . Most of last year's 28 students are returning. . . we should have at least 50. . ."



On a visit to Bryan from Ohio in September, Margaret Ann McKinnon ('43) explained to Dr. Rudd the location in the Philippines on the island of Mindanao of Bethany Children's Home where she will be missionary nurse, assisting Miss Louise Lynip. . . She hopes to sail this winter."

Gwen (Hay '45) and Albert ('44) Wyllie, Nigeria

"Gwen flew from Lagos with Gregg on 28th, Sept. . . have a series of tests made to record his progress on the new drugs. . . when he was so ill about two year ago he was paralyzed down his right side. After about 4 months of that he began to have the use of his limbs again, but has been a bit slow in developing his speech habits. . .

"I will be leaving Kano with Diane and John on 6th December. . . We plan to travel to New Orleans and spend a bit of our furlough there. . .

"The Lord has blessed in our school and given us a fine graduating class of 23 men. They have just completed part of their government exams and will be completing the balance in the middle of November. If they are successful they will be classed as Grade II teachers capable of being Headmasters in Senior Primary schools."

Carol (Blanger '54) Zuck, Columbus, Ohio

"Praise Him for all He has done for me. He helped me finish at Wheaton College and then at the U. of Chicago--with an M.B., but best of all He gave me a wonderful husband who loves Him, too. (Dave is a senior in Vet. Med. at O.S.U.)

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Joseph Kohout ('39) who died Saturday, Oct. 26, of a heart attack following a case of flu in Frostburg, Md. Mr. Kohout held B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate from the University of Maryland. His wife is the former Bernice Knight of Dayton, Tenn."